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INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 0407

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR, PK

SUBJECT: PAKISTANI PURCHASE OF ARMS FROM U.S.

1. ON JANUARY 15, MFA UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS NASSIR ASSAR CALLED IN AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE IRANIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PAKISTAN'S PURCHASE OF ARMS FROM U.S. ASSAR SAID THAT PAKS HAD INFORMED GOI THAT BECAUSE OF PENDING CHANGES IN U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION, IT SEEMED ADVISABLE FOR IRAN TO ACCELERATE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAKISTAN. ASSAR ASKED AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL THAT WOULD AFFECT IRANIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PAK ARMS PURCHASES. HE WENT ON TO DISCRIBE SITUATION WITH CONGRESS ON ARMS MATTERS, DRAWING ON CONVERSATIONS WITH RECENT CODELS. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, AMBASSADOR SAID ON BALANCE IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER TO SPEED UP RATHER THAN SLOW DOWN FUNDS TRANSFER.

2. EMBASSY ISLAMABAD MAY HAVE BETTER IDEA OF SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE PROBLEM THAT IS WORRYING GOP. IT MAY ALSO BE THAT PAKS ARE AWARE OF IRANIAN BUDGET STRINGENCIES AND REASSESSMENT OF MILITARY PURCHASES AND FOREIGN AID PRIORITIES AND WANT TO GET THEIR MONEY BEFORE GOI REACHES FINAL DECISIONS ON THESE MATTERS.

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